



# College Place Police Department

## Media Release

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### **LOCATION OF STOLEN VEHICLE LEADS TO WARRANT ARREST, SEISURE OF FIREARM AND NARCOTICS**

On July 19, 2020 at approximately 12:00 P.M., a College Place Police Officer noticed a suspicious looking vehicle occupied by two individuals in the 600 block of SE Elm Avenue, College Place. As the officer turned around to drive back through the area he observed a female occupant gathering items quickly from the vehicle as the other male occupant took off running towards the residence the vehicle was parked near.

As the officer stopped to make contact with the individuals, Walla Walla County Dispatch was able to confirm that the associated vehicle was listed as stolen out of Vancouver, Washington.

As additional officers arrived on scene, the female was detained. The female was identified as Erica J. Martinez out of Milton-Freewater, Oregon. Martinez was in possession of the keys to the stolen vehicle, however she was uncooperative and failed to provide any information to officers. The officers on scene noticed a handgun that was visibly positioned between the driver seat and the center console.

Consent to search the residence at 630 SE Elm Avenue was given by the residing occupant.

With assistance from the Walla Walla County Sheriffs Office and the Walla Walla Police Department, officers and deputies searched the residence and located the male who had fled from the vehicle, hiding under a pile of blankets. The male was detained and identified as Thomas G. Brummer out of Los Angles/Inglewood, California. Brummer had a felony warrant for his arrest from the Department of Corrections out of Vancouver as well an additional warrant for his arrest out of the United States Marshals Office.

Officers applied and were approved for a search warrant on the stolen vehicle. As the officers searched the vehicle they recovered the observed firearm, multiple different forms of drug paraphilia as well as 15.6 grams of a brown substance that provided a positive presumptive test for heroine.

Brummer was booked into the Walla Walla County Jail (WWCJ) on his confirmed warrants as well as charges of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm/Convicted Felon, Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver, and Obstructing a Law Enforcement Officer.

Martinez was also booked into the WWCJ on charges of Possession of a Stolen Vehicle and Obstruction of a Law Enforcement Officer.